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In re Application of
HOBSON et al.
Application No.: 09/786,499
PCT No.: PCT/GB99/02715
Int. Filing Date: 20 August 1999
Priority Date: 03 September 1998
Attorney Docket No.: GJE-0004
For: SIGNAL PROCESSING

DECISION

UNDER

37 CFR 1.182

This is a decision on petition under 37 CFR 1.182 filed on 28 January 2002 regarding the correction of the first inventor's name.

On 02 March 2001, within 30 months from the priority date of the international application, applicants filed a transmittal letter for entry into the national stage in the United States, which was accompanied by, *inter alia*, the requisite basic national fee and a declaration and power of attorney executed by Michael Hobson and the second named inventor, Anthony Lasenby.

On 04 April 2001, a Notification of Missing Requirements (Form PCT/DO/EO/905) and a Notification of a Defective Oath or Declaration (Form PCT/DO/EO/917) were mailed to applicants indicating that the declaration submitted with the national stage papers was unacceptable since the first inventor's first name on the declaration was different than what appeared on the published international application. That is, the declaration did not identify the inventor named on the publication, Anthony Hobson, but identified and bore the signature of a Michael Hobson.

On 07 June 2001, applicants filed a Notification of Error, considered a response to the 04 April 2001 Notification of Missing Requirements and Notification of a Defective Oath or Declaration.

On 06 December 2001, a decision on applicant's response was mailed, indicating that petition under 37 CFR 1.182 and an explanation of the error were required.

On 28 January 2002, applicant filed a petition in response to the decision with authorization to charge his deposit account the \$130 petition fee. Applicant requests the correction of inventor's name and notifying the Office that the correct spelling of inventor's name is as follows: Michael Hobson. The present communication was filed explaining that error in Mr. Hobson's name in the international application was the result of a typographical error.

Applicants' explanation of the difference in the Mr. Hobson's name is accepted and noted for the record.

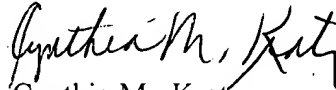
CONCLUSION

For the reasons above, the Request to error Mr. Hobson's name to Michael Hobson is **GRANTED.**

This application is being forwarded to the National Stage Processing Branch of the International Division for further review and processing and, if appropriate, preparation and mailing of the Notification of Acceptance of Application under 35 U.S.C. 371 (Form PCT/DO/EO/903) indicating a date of **02 March 2001** under 35 U.S.C. 371(c).



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